

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs Sara Budzik, Eleanor Robinson, Mel Roper, Wendy Thompson, Lesley Way

The Clerk, Sue Lewis, was also present.

21/AME/62 **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Chris Mulligan, Nick McGowan, Lynn Forsyth, Liz Taylor and Kevin Shaw, reasons given and approved.

21/AME/63 **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda:**

None

21/AME/64 **Chair's Announcements:**

1. The Chair thanked the volunteers for their help on Remembrance Sunday in marshalling the road closure.

21/AME/65 **To Report any Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting held 19th October 2021 not on the agenda – for information only:**

None that are not already covered on tonight's agenda.

21/AME/66 **Project tracker –**

Planting of flowers & Shrubs – The Bamboo plant and planter has been ordered for the Pinfold.

Gotham Road Play Area – Working Party Update – The questionnaire is in the final stages of being finalised. A Survey Monkey or something similar will be set up and shared on all social media platforms, schools, and paper copies to go in the shops. The Clerk to arrange a future meeting.

Welcome Back Fund – Nothing more to add except the Skate Park.

Friendship Garden – The Clerk reported that she had submitted a grant request to the Reach Rushcliffe Fund but was informed that 2021/22 funds have now been allocated and the 2022/23 allocation doesn't open until April 2022 but we could re-submit the request in April. Rushcliffe advised of another fund which we could apply for, Covid-19 Partnership: Social Recovery Fund and an application has been submitted.

Covid Memorial Fund – Metal Arch – Quote received from a local farrier of £5,000 with an upfront payment of £2000 but no image was submitted with the quote. It was agreed therefore to seek out further quotes and a request a figure be added to the budget.

Queens Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Wendy Thompson reported that she has collected a lot of information and will be arranging a meeting in the near future.

Skate Park Update – The Clerk reported that she had contacted Catherine Evans at Rushcliffe and was informed that all expenditure needs to happen before the end of March 2022 and that means the money must be paid from our bank account and not just invoiced. It was agreed to contact Lee from KNYTE to see if he would be able to do the work before the end of March.

21/AME/67 **To Discuss Christmas Lights:**

The Clerk reported that an Electrician had looked at the lights on the big trees in the Memorial Garden, one set are still working but the other two were beyond repair. The Clerk agreed to his suggestion that two spotlights be put in the tree for this year. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the lights be replaced next year, and a figure be added to the budget for this.

21/AME/68 **To Agree to apply for 6 free trees from the Community Tree Scheme and Agree cutting back of branches of trees on Memorial Garden:**

It was agreed that Cllr Wendy Thompson apply for the six trees on behalf of the Parish Council, and they will replace the dead trees on Church Close, Holme Avenue and Castle Hill.

Memorial Garden Trees – the Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from VIA about the Nottingham City Busses hitting the tree branches, the Tree Officer at Rushcliffe was contacted and was informed that as it was a complaint from VIA, we do not need permission to get them cut back. It was agreed that the trees be cut back.

21/AME/69 **To Agree response to Consultation on Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to Dog Control:**

The Chair referred to the Consultation previously circulated and the survey on-line which most councillors had completed. It was agreed that a request be send to Rushcliffe Borough Council to add Oldershaw Trust Land and Gotham Road Recreation Ground to Schedule 1 and the barked area of Oldershaw Trust Land and the fenced children's playground be added to Schedule 2.

21/AME/70 **To Discuss Pedestrian Access to the Play Park across the Car Park:**

Cllr Lesley Way reported on a complaint she had received about the lack of footpath access to the play area through the car park.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Working Party for Gotham Road Play Equipment have a look in to this and in the meantime investigate the possibility of putting up safety notices.

21/AME/71 **To Report Correspondence received since the last meeting – for information only:**

There was no correspondence.

21/AME/72 **Questions to Chair (in accordance with Standing Order 1u):**

There were no questions

The meeting closed at 8.15pm